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Washington, D.C. 20231

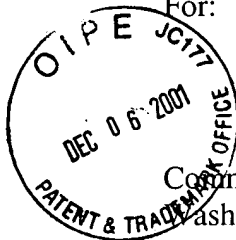
Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the following information is submitted for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-captioned application. The information is identified on the attached PTO 1449 form.

The undersigned certifies under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report (ISA/AU) is attached hereto.

Applicants do not waive any right to take appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each of the documents, initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate place to indicate that the document has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.



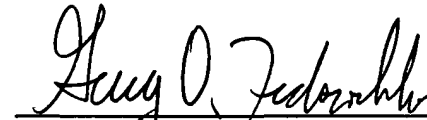
Applicants believe that no fee is necessary pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, if a fee is due, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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